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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1069

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: TRAVEL OF LEN AND BRUCE CAMPBELL

REF: STATE 89381; KHARTOUM 1065

1. WE SEE POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH CAMPBELLS' PREFERENCE OBTAIN AIRPORT VISAS ON ARRIVAL KHARTOUM RATHER THAN EN ROUTE (PARA 1 DEPT REFTEL). UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, APPLICATIONS FOR TOURIST VISAS MADE AT MAJOR SUDANESE EMBASSIES ARE HANDLED IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITHOUT REFERRAL TO KHARTOUM, AND WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY PREFERABLE FOR MESSRS CAMPBELL TO OBTAIN VISAS IN LONDON IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. USING NORMAL CHANNELS HERE, EMBASSY COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE AIRPORT VISA WITH ABOUT TEN DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE AFTER RECEIVING FULL PASSPORT INFORMATION (NAMES, NUMBERS, DATES, BIRTH DATA, ETC.) AND ARRIVAL DATA. ON OTHER HAND, IF WE ATTEMPT SHORT-CUT PROCESS THROUGH APPEAL TO POLITICAL (OR SECURITY) AUTHORITIES, SUDANESE, WHO MAY SEE THEIR LIVES COMPLICATED BY CAMPBELLS' PRESENCE HERE, MIGHT  
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PROCRASTINATE OR SEIZE ON SOME PRETEXT TO DELAY OR EVEN

PREVENT THEIR ARRIVAL. IF IT COMES TO IT, WE WILL OF COURSE DO WHAT WE CAN, BUT WE WOULD URGE CAMPBELLS ATTEMPT OBTAIN VISAS ROUTINELY ELSEWHERE. WHILE CAMPBELLS SHOULD OF COURSE MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL REASON FOR VISIT IF QUERIED, WE SEE NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT GIVE REASON SIMPLY AS "TOURISM" WHEN INITIALLY APPLYING FOR VISAS. IN THIS CONNECTION, CAMPBELLS' POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE EASED IF THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS WERE DISCONNECTED FROM APPLICATIONS TO BE FILED BY JOURNALISTS ROBERTS AND DOWNEY (KHARTOUM 1065), WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REFERRED BACK TO KHARTOUM AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BE DENIED.

3. CAMPBELLS SHOULD CONTACT CONSULAR OFFICER NICHOLAS BENIGSEN ON ARRIVAL IN KHARTOUM.

4. HOTEL SPACE IN KHARTOUM IS EXTREMELY TIGHT. IF CAMPBELLS NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.  
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